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In re Application of:

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For: AUTOMATION DEVICE AND METHOD

FOR OPERATING SAID DEVICE

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional) dated December 28, 2001, Applicant submits herewith substitute drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.84.

It is not believed that this response requires any fees. If this is incorrect, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 04-0753.

> Respectfully submitted, DENNISON, SCHEINER & SCHULTZ

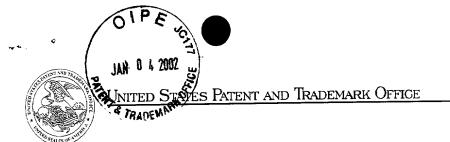
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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

Filing Date Granted

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 12/18/2001 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 11/15/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - Drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds, and copy marks.

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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